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Inventor(s): DONALD SAMUEL KAPLAN
Serial No.: 933,224 filed August 14, 1978
Now US Patent 4,224,946 issued September 30, 1980
Title: SURGICAL SUTURES DERIVED FROM SEGMENTED
POLYETHER-ESTER BLOCK COPOLYMERS
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: Mr. Richard E. Aegerter
Director, Group 330

Re: Prior Art

Dear Mr. Aegerter:

We reference your NOTICE UNDER 37 CFR 1.205(c) dated June 9, 1981 (Paper No. 13) relating to the subject patent.

We advise that European Patent Application publication No. 0 008 152 was published on February 20, 1980. This European Patent Application claims priority from U.S.S.N. 933,224 filed August 14, 1978, which is the above-identified application.

It is respectfully submitted that the publication date of the European Patent Application may be prior to the effective filing date of an application discussed in your June 9 Notice. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the European Patent Application may be material to the patentability of an application in your Notice.

We are confirming the publication dates of other patents/applications claiming priority from U.S.S.N. 933,224 filed August 14, 1978 to determine if they are prior to the European Patent

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Application publication date of February 20, 1980. We will subsequently provide this information to you if the publication dates are prior to February 20, 1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re Patent No.: 4,224,946
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For: Surgical Sutures Formed From Segmented Polyether-Ester
Block Copolymers

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